

65 – INDEPENDENT AGENCIES – REGULATORY

407 – PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CHAPTER 323 - ELECTRONIC BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS STANDARDS

SUMMARY: This rule establishes business processes and defines electronic transactions necessary to support retail competition as of March 1, 2000. The rule adopts the Maine Electronic Business Transactions (EBT) Standards appended to this rule.

1. EBT Standards

The Maine Electronic Business Transactions (EBT) Standards appended to this rule apply to transactions between competitive electricity providers and transmission and distribution utilities.

2. Filing Requirements

The Maine Electronics Business Transactions Working Group shall file at the Commission technical specifications necessary to implement the EBT Standards. These technical specifications will be available through the Commission's web page. Any updates or revisions to these technical specifications shall be filed at the Commission. The Commission will ensure that the revised or updated technical specifications are available through its web page.

3. Waiver

Upon the request of any person subject to this Chapter or upon its own motion, the Commission may, for good cause, waive any requirement of this Chapter that is not required by statute. The waiver may not be inconsistent with the purposes of this Chapter or Title 35-A. The Commission, the Director of Technical Analysis, or the Presiding Officer assigned to a proceeding related to this Chapter may grant the waiver.

BASIS STATEMENT: The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Commission Docket No. 99-468, issued on November 2, 1999. Copies of this Order and Statement have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 242 State Street, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 104, 111, 1301, 3202(1) and (2), and 3203(9).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule was approved as to form and legality by the Attorney General on November 3, 1999. It was filed with the Secretary of State on November 4, 1999 and will be effective on November 9, 1999.